Governments must release their matching share to the DRDAs/ZPs within 15 days of release of Central Assistance. Diversion of resources from one District to another is not permitted. The proposal for release of second instalment by DRDAs/ZPs complete in all respects should be submitted by 31st December every year. Both physical and financial audits of schemes by local fund auditors or by Chartered Accountants listed in the panels of State Governments or AGs or C&AG are compulsory.

Unconstitutional/illegal decisions by panchayats

†889. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of unconstitutional and illegal decisions taken by several Panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken or being taken by Government to have control over such practices; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) Government have not received any complaints of unconstitutional and illegal decisions taken by Panchayats in the country.

Panchayats as defined in Part-IX of the Constitution means only an institution by whatever name called of self-Government constituted under Article 243 B for the rural areas. It is for State Governments to take action under the law against unconstitutional or illegal decisions taken by other institutes calling themselves "panchayats".

Strengthening of Panchayati Raj system

890. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate some action plan to strenthen the Panchayati Raj system;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.